

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2593 - HB 2659

February 6, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that a person committing the offense of theft with regard to rental or leased property is subject to criminal prosecution notwithstanding that the owner of the property may also have a civil remedy.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,800/Incarceration*
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes one Class E felony conviction each year. Local government impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of a misdemeanor for this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill. Such impact to local government is not estimated to be significant. Also, it is assumed that most of these cases that would be subject to criminal prosecution are currently being prosecuted.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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